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BOROUGH OF STALYBRIDGE

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TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF
PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE

Mr. Chairman, Gentlemen,

I wish to present my 22nd Annual Report on the health of the Borough. This includes a report on those services in the town administered by Cheshire County Council under Part III of the National Health Service Act, 1946.

The statistics for the year under review show a fall in the death rate from 15.24 to 13.3 per thousand population. The number of infant deaths remained the same as in 1968 although the rate of 27.0 is higher because of the reduction in the number of associated live births, 379, compared with 396 in 1968. Notifiable diseases continue to be less and less important with the availability of a wide range of vaccines and the improvement of sanitary conditions and only 132 cases were reported to me. The most recent vaccine available to the vaccinator is one against German Measles which if correctly used could prevent much anxiety experienced by pregnant women in contact with this disease and indeed reduce the number of congenital defects.

Last year I commented on the changing pattern of the health service preshadowed by a Government Green Paper. This was replaced by a second Green Paper early this year but the solution necessary to produce a unified service still seems as far off as it ever was because of wide differences of opinion among the three sections involved along with the recent change in Government.

Finally, I would like to thank the Chairman and Members of the Committee for their help and advice and the members of the staff for their loyal support cheerfully given.

Yours obediently,

T. HOLME

Medical Officer of Health

August, 1970

STATISTICS & SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE BOROUGH

Area (in acres)	...	...	...	3,190
Population Census, 1961	...	...	...	21,947
Population mid-year 1969 (estimated)	...	...	...	21,620
Estimated value of a Penny Rate	...	...	...	£2,820
Rateable Value 1st April, 1969	...	...	...	£7 19,311
No. of houses in Borough (approx.)	...	...	...	8,300

VITAL STATISTICS

		Stalybridge M.B.			England and Wales (Total)
		Males	Females	Total	
Estimated mid-year home population		-	-	21,620	48,826,800
LIVE BIRTHS	Total	190	186	376	797,542
	Legitimate	175	173	348	730,500
	Illegitimate	15	13	28	67,042
STILL BIRTHS	Total	2	5	7	10,662
	Legitimate	2	5	7	9,555
	Illegitimate	-	-	-	1,107
TOTAL LIVE & STILL BIRTHS	Total	192	191	383	808,204
	Legitimate	177	178	355	740,055
	Illegitimate	15	13	28	68,149
DEATHS OF INFANTS UNDER 1 YEAR	Total	5	5	10	14,397
	Legitimate	5	5	10	12,694
	Illegitimate	-	-	-	1,703
NEO NATAL DEATHS (under 4 weeks)	Total	3	2	5	9,603
	Legitimate	3	2	5	8,494
	Illegitimate	-	-	-	1,109
EARLY NEO NATAL DEATHS (under 1 week)	Total	3	2	5	8,232
	Legitimate	3	2	5	7,266
	Illegitimate	-	-	-	966
DEATHS - all ages		143	144	287	579,463

	Stalybridge M.B.	England and Wales
LIVE BIRTH RATES ETC.		
Livebirths per 1,000 home population (crude rate)	17.4	16.3
Area comparability factor	1.11	1.00
Local adjusted rate	19.3	16.3
Ratio of local adjusted rate to national rate	1.18	1.00
Illegitimate live births as percentage of live births	7	8
STILLBIRTH RATE		
Stillbirths per 1,000 total live & still births	18	13
INFANT MORTALITY RATES		
Deaths under 1 year per 1,000 live births	27	18
Deaths of legitimate infants under 1 year per 1,000 legitimate live births	29	17
Deaths of illegitimate infants under 1 year per 1,000 illegitimate live births	-	25
NEO NATAL MORTALITY RATE		
Deaths under 4 weeks per 1,000 live births	13	12
EARLY NEO NATAL MORTALITY RATE		
Deaths under 1 week per 1,000 live births	13	10
PERI NATAL MORTALITY RATE		
Stillbirths and deaths under 1 week combined, per 1,000 live and still births	31	23
DEATH RATES, ETC. - ALL AGES		
Deaths per 1,000 home population (crude rate)	13.3	11.9
Area comparability factor	1.06	1.00
Local adjusted rate	14.1	11.9
Ratio of local adjusted rate to national rate	1.18	1.00

PHYSICAL FEATURES OF THE DISTRICT

The Borough of Stalybridge is roughly triangular in shape, bordered on the south side by the Municipal Borough of Dukinfield and on the north west by the Municipal Borough of Ashton-under-Lyne and on the north and east by Mossley and Mottram respectively.

The River Tame, which at this point is the boundary of Lancashire and Cheshire, divides the town; the northern half lies in Lancashire, whilst the southern half lies in Cheshire. For administrative purposes the Borough is considered to be in Cheshire.

The Borough, surrounded by hills on all sides except the west is situate on the westerly slopes of the Pennine Chain, $7\frac{1}{2}$ miles east of Manchester and, although the main portion of the town is built round the River Tame at approximately 400 feet above sea level, the ground on the eastern side rises to a height of 1,000 feet.

SOCIAL CONDITIONS

Although this part of the County was originally developed as a textile area there has been a changing pattern over the years. It is true textiles still employ the greatest number of people, but other industries have crept into the town and created their own problems, particularly to tenants of adjoining properties.

The comparative average of unemployed in 1969 was as follows:-

	<u>Men</u>	<u>Women</u>	<u>Total</u>
Average number of unemployed persons signing Register during 1969	168	31	199
Highest figure during year reached in December, 1969	221	28	249
Lowest figure during year at July, 1969	135	30	165
Number of wholly unemployed registered disabled persons in December, 1969	46	11	57

The numbers engaged in the various trades are as follows:-

Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing, Mining and Quarrying	...	...	...	...	5
Food, drink and tobacco	...	...	...	...	31
Engineering and Electrical goods	...	...	...	...	1757
Metal Goods not elsewhere specified	...	...	...	...	924
Textiles	...	...	...	...	2143
Clothing and Footwear	...	...	...	...	998
Timber, Furniture etc.	...	...	...	...	92
Paper Printing and Publishing	...	...	...	...	690
Other manufacturing industries	)				739
Chemicals and allied industries,	)				
Vehicles, Leather, Leather	)				
Goods and Fur, Bricks, Pottery,	)				
Glass, Cement etc.	)				
Total all manufacturing industries					7379
Construction	...	...	...	...	378
Gas, Water and Electricity	...	...	...	...	799
Transport and Communication	...	...	...	...	481
Distributive Trades	...	...	...	...	456
Insurance, Banking and Finance	...	...	...	...	52
Professional and Scientific Services	...	...	...	...	550
Miscellaneous Services	...	...	...	...	252
Public Administration	...	...	...	...	492
Industry not stated	...	...	...	...	16
Grand total					10855

The most recent figures available are taken from the 1961 Census which shows a population distribution as follows in the extract below:-

Acreage, Population, Private Households & Dwellings

Area	Acre- age	Population				
		1951	1961			
		Persons	Persons	Males	Females	Persons per acre
Stalybridge M.B. Wards:	3,190	22,541	21,947	10,452	11,495	6.9
Dukinfield	163	4,441	2,853	1,337	1,516	17.5
Lancashire	581	5,443	5,982	2,880	3,102	10.3
Millbrook	1,220	4,293	4,155	2,048	2,107	3.4
Stayley	1,226	8,364	8,957	4,187	4,770	7.3

	Private households and dwellings, 1961					
	Private house- holds	Popula- tion in private house- holds	Struc- turally separate dwellings occupied	Rooms occupied	Density of occupation	
					Persons per room	Percent- age of persons at more than $1\frac{1}{2}$ per room
Stalybridge M.B.	7,745	21,060	7,724	33,330	0.67	4.5
Wards:						
Dukinfield	1,131	2,853	1,130	4,608	0.63	3.5
Lancashire	2,064	5,947	2,053	6,991	0.67	4.3
Millbrook	1,289	4,155	1,282	5,844	0.72	4.4
Stayley	3,261	8,905	3,259	13,887	0.65	4.9

BIRTH RATE

There was a decrease in the births in the Borough in 1969 when 379 were recorded. This figure is made up of 190 males and 186 females, and gives a corrected livebirth rate of 19.39 per thousand population. The number of illegitimate births decreased from 45 to 28 representing 7% of all births. This rate has for many years varied between 4% and 5% but the last six years have shown a gradual increase but falling again to the 1965/66 figure.

Illegitimacy rates as percentage of total births

Year	%
1960	3.7
1961	5.2
1962	6.02
1963	6.46
1964	8.33
1965	7.69
1966	7.57
1967	10.38
1968	11.36
1969	7.00

DEATH RATE

The number of deaths in the Borough also decreased by 44 to 287. Of these 143 were males and 144 were females giving a crude death rate of 13.3 per thousand population.

The corrected death rate for Stalybridge, that is the death rate adjusted for the particular variations in age and sex distribution in Stalybridge compared with the country as a whole, was 14.1. Chest conditions resulted in 58 deaths of which 8 were carcinoma of the lung (7 men, 1 woman) and 16 were from bronchitis and emphysema. There were 30 deaths from pneumonia. Heart disease claimed 82 victims of which the greatest number was from coronary thrombosis, 62 patients died from this condition.

There was one suicide in the borough during 1969, though accidents accounted for 12 deaths (4 motor vehicle and 8 by other accidents).

INFANT MORTALITY RATE

There were 10 infant deaths during the year equal to those of last year. This represents a rate of 27.0, 25.25 in 1968.

STILLBIRTHS

There were 7 stillbirths notified in 1969 giving a rate of 18 per thousand related births (22.72 in 1968).

NEO-NATAL DEATH RATE

The neo-natal death rate, which represents the number of deaths of infants under 4 weeks of age per thousand livebirths, was 13 compared with 25.25 in 1968.

PERI-NATAL DEATH RATE

This rate is based on the mortality in the period surrounding the birth and includes both neo-natal deaths and stillbirths. It decreased this year to 31 from 41.97.

MATERNAL MORTALITY

There were no maternal deaths during the year.

TABLE I.
DEATH RATES
IN STALYBRIDGE AND ENGLAND & WALES
FROM 1950

Year	Death Rates	
	England and Wales	Stalybridge
1950	11.6	13.58
1951	12.5	15.83
1952	11.3	14.73
1953	11.4	13.016
1954	11.3	12.68
1955	11.7	14.32
1956	11.7	14.87
1957	11.5	14.295
1958	11.7	14.48
1959	11.6	13.93
1960	11.5	14.19
1961	12.0	16.304
1962	11.9	16.15
1963	12.2	15.09
1964	11.3	14.52
1965	11.5	14.71
1966	11.7	14.37
1967	11.2	15.01
1968	11.9	20.27
1969	14.9	14.9

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CAUSES OF DEATH

Shown as a percentage of Total Deaths

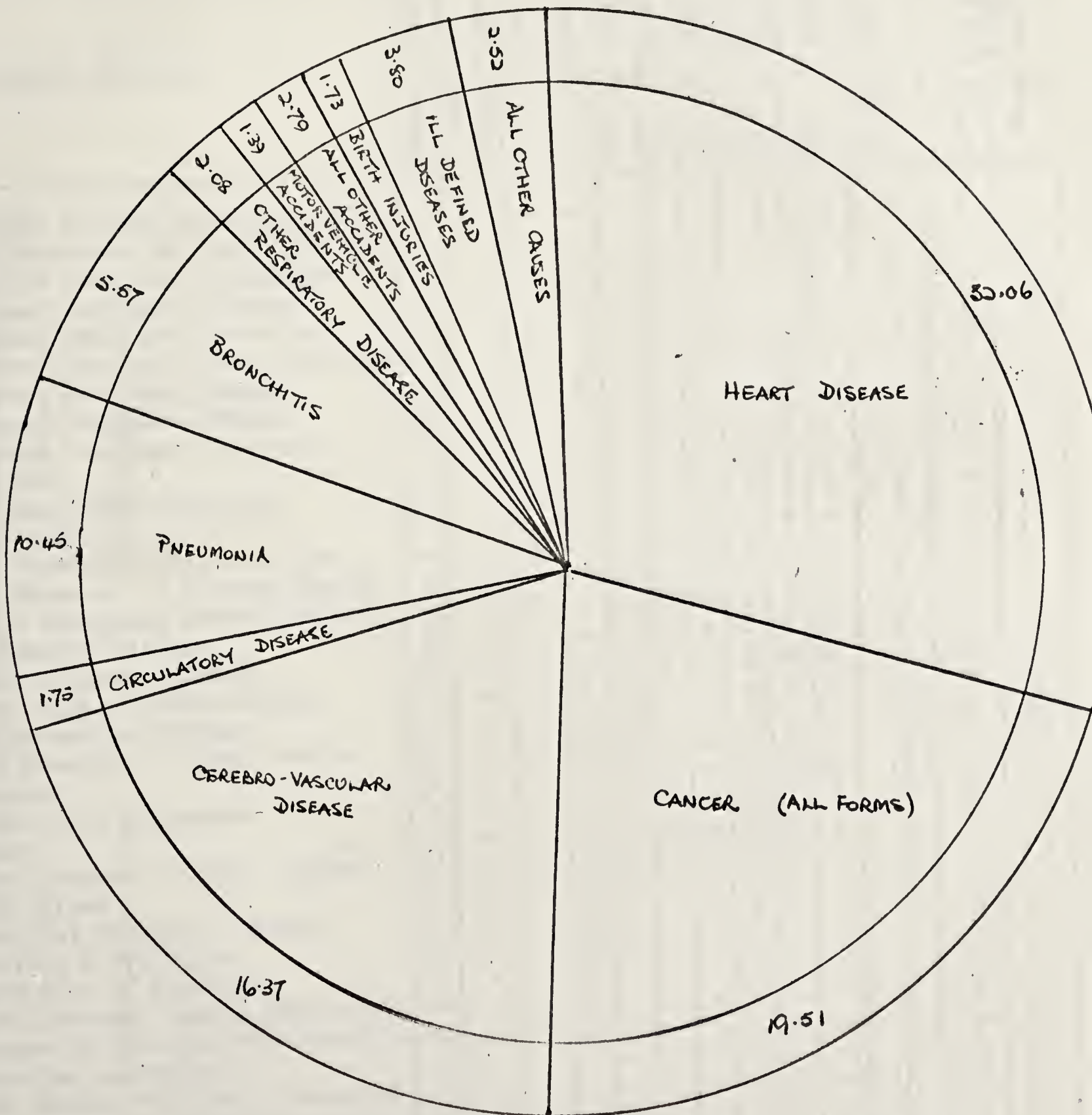


TABLE II

REGISTRAR GENERAL'S RETURN 1969

CAUSES OF DEATH IN VARIOUS AGE GROUPS

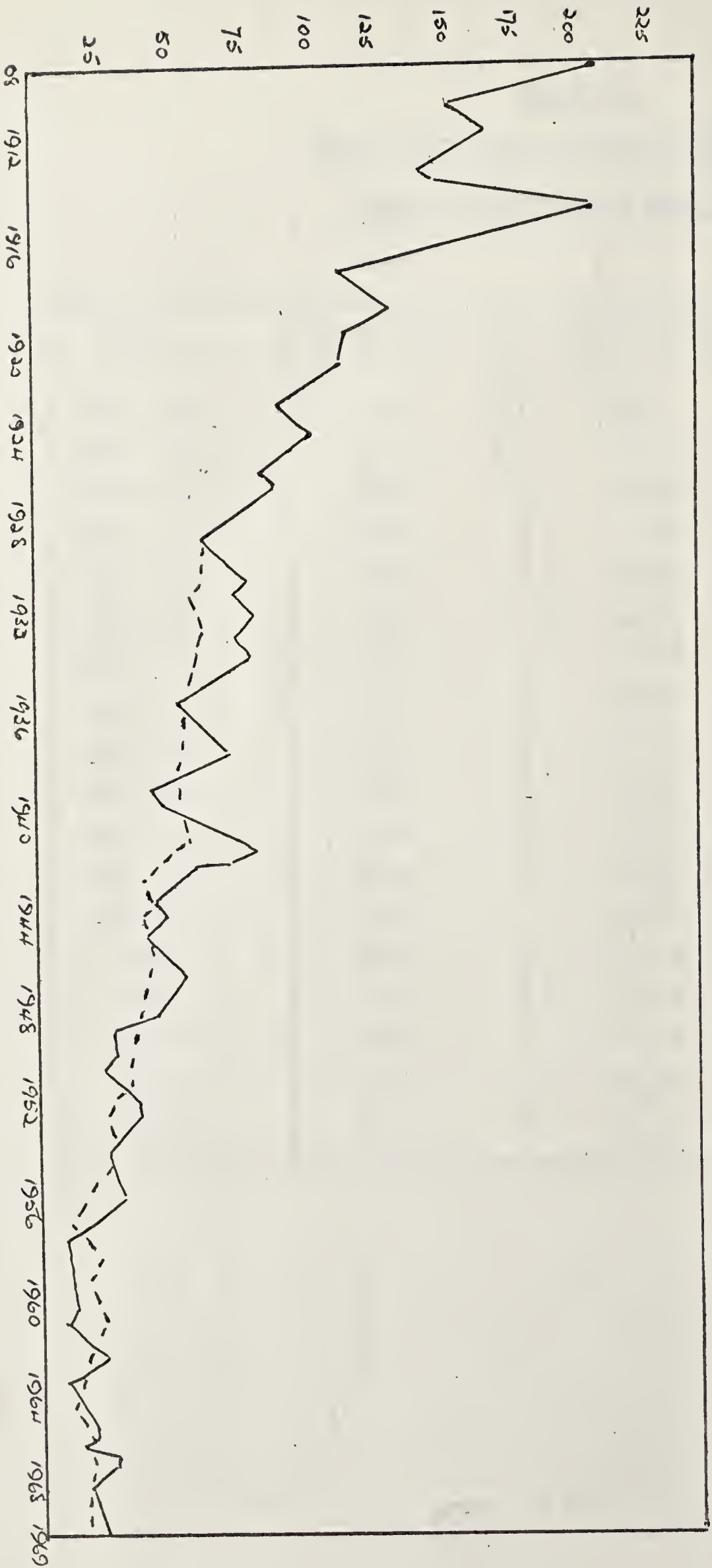
Causes of Death	Under 4 weeks	4 weeks & under 1 year	1 - 4 years	5 - 14 years	15 - 24 years	25 - 34 years	35 - 44 years	45 - 54 years	55 - 64 years	65 - 74 years	75 and over	Total all ages	
												M	F
Enteritis & other Diarrhoeal Dis.	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Other Tuberculosis, incl. late eff.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	1	-
Malignant Neoplasm, Oesophagus	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	2
Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	2	3	3
Malignant Neoplasm, Intestine	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	7	4	7	5
Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	5	-	2	7	1
Malignant Neoplasm, Breast	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	1	-	5
Malignant Neoplasm, Uterus	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	2
Malignant Neoplasm, Prostate	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	2	-
Leukaemia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	2
Other Malignant Neoplasms	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	3	5	4	7	9
Diabetes Mellitus	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-
Other Endocrine etc. diseases	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-
Other Diseases of Nervous System	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-
Chronic Rheumatic Heart Disease	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	2	-	1	3
Hypertensive Disease	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	1	1
Ischaemic Heart Disease	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	5	10	28	18	35	27
Other forms of heart disease	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	6	8	8	8
Cerebrovascular disease	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	3	21	22	21	26
Other diseases of circ. system	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	3	-	5
Pneumonia	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	3	12	14	13	17
Bronchitis & Emphysema	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	3	5	6	14	2
Asthma	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-
Other diseases of resp. system	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	1	3
Peptic Ulcer	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Intestinal Obstruc. & Hernia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-
Nephritis & Nephrosis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	1	1
Hyperplasia of Prostate	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	2	-
Other Diseases, Genito Urinary Sys	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
Diseases of Skin, Subcutaneous Tis.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Congenital Anomalies	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	3	1
Birth Injury, difficult labour etc.	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Other causes of perinatal mortality	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Symptoms & ill-defined conditions	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	3	8	3	8
Motor Vehicle accidents	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2
All other accidents	-	2	2	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	2	4	4
Suicide & self-inflicted injuries	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-
All other external causes	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1
	5	5	2	-	2	1	8	17	41	98	108	143	144

TABLE III
BIRTH, DEATH AND INFANTILE MORTALITY
RATES IN THE BOROUGH FROM 1900

Year	Birth Rate	Death Rate	Infantile Mortality Rate
1900 - 04	21.58	20.1	210
1905 - 09	23.01	18.63	193.2
1910 - 14	21.63	17.92	165.48
1915 - 19	16.83	17.75	130.9
1920 - 24	18.56	15.08	114.9
1925 - 29	14.97	14.80	81.1
1930 - 34	13.47	13.78	73.80
1935 - 39	12.94	15.02	54.6
1940 - 44	15.42	16.11	60.57
1945 - 49	18.78	14.98	45.69
1950 - 54	15.56	13.97	28.43
1955 - 59	15.30	14.38	18.53
1960 - 64	17.93	15.25	18.06
1965	16.55	14.71	15.53
1966	16.87	14.37	27.27
1967	18.64	15.01	35.5
1968	21.89	20.27	25.25
1969	19.3	14.1	27

INFANTILE MORTALITY RATE STALYBRIDGE (1908 - 1969)

— STALYBRIDGE INFANTILE MORTALITY PER 1000 LIVEBIRTHS
- - - ENGLAND AND WALES INFANTILE MORTALITY PER 1000 LIVEBIRTHS



GENERAL PROVISIONS OF HEALTH

SERVICES IN THE AREA

BACTERIOLOGY

The following specimens were forwarded to the Public Health Laboratory for investigation:-

<u>Sample</u>			<u>Positive for</u> <u>Pathogenic</u> <u>Organisms</u>	<u>Negative</u>	<u>Total</u>
Faeces	...	...	47	95	142
Throat Swab	...	...	-	-	-
Nasal Swab	...	...	-	-	-
			47	95	142

I would like to thank Dr. Abbott and the staff at the Public Health Laboratory for their willing help and co-operation at all times.

MILK AND DAIRIES

Since the Milk (Special Designation) Regulations, 1960, came into force we have been supplied with details of the results of all samples taken by the County Medical Officer to whom I am grateful for the following information:-

TABLE IV

Type of Milk						
Past.	Ster.	U.H.T.	T.T.	T.T. Past.	Hom.	Raw
33	9	1	-	-	18	57

Type of Test											
Meth. Blue		Phosphatase		Turbidity		B. Tuberc.		Colony Count		Brucella	
Satis.	Unsatis.	Satis.	Unsatis.	Satis.	Unsatis.	Satis.	Unsatis.	Under 10	Over 10	Evid.	No Evid.
98	8	28	-	9	-	4	-	1	-	3	45

FOOD & DRUGS ACT, 1955

The Cheshire County Council continue to administer the Food and Drugs Act and the samples of food noted below were obtained in the Borough during the year by the Weights & Measures Department of that authority. Mr. Nattrass reports as follows:-

<u>Sample</u>	<u>No. of samples obtained</u>	<u>No. of samples reported against</u>
Beans, broad (tin	1	
Beetroot, sliced, pickled	1	
Bread, starch reduced	1	
Butter	1	
Cabbage, red pickled	1	
Camphorated Oil	1	
Cheese Spread	1	
Chicken Breasts in Jelly (complaint)	1	1
Coffee, pure	1	
Dessert: Blancmange Powder	1	
Dexcafe	1	
Dinner, ready	1	
Emulsion	1	
Exlax	1	
Fat, cooking	1	
Fruit Cocktail	1	
Flour, S.R.	1	
Germolene	1	
Jam	2	
Jelly	1	
Kruschen Salts	1	
Lemon Curd	1	
Lemonade, low calorie	1	
Meat Tenderiser, instant, non-seasoned	1	
Milk	59	1
Oatmeal	1	
Orange Juice, sweetened	1	
Pies, meat	1	
Piriex	1	
Rice Pudding, quick	1	
Rum	2	
Sausage, beef	1	
Sponge, butter, with orange buttercream	1	
Sponge pudding, brambleberry & apple	1	
Sponge pudding, treacle	1	
Spread, Potted Beef	1	
Stewed Steak in gravy	1	
Strawberry, whole fruit	1	
Sulphamethaxine Oral Suspension	1	
	99	2

/Continued

<u>Sample</u>		<u>No. of samples obtained</u>	<u>No. of samples reported against</u>
	B/fwd.	99	2
Surgical Spirit B.P.C.1		1	
Sweets: Cream Fudge		1	
Sherry Chocolates		1	
Super Suckers (Complaint)		1	1
Tablets: Dulsils		1	
Kwells		1	
Tea, pure China		1	
Tomatoes, peeled plum		1	
Tomato Juice		1	
Whisky		2	
		<u>110</u>	<u>3</u>

Particulars of samples not up to standard
during the year ended 31st December, 1969

<u>Sample</u>	<u>Result of Analysis</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
Milk U.T.F.B.	Genuine but trace of penicillin, 0.03 IU/ml.	Farmer cautioned
Chicken Breasts in Jelly (Complaint)	Contained an insect, a beetle $\frac{1}{2}$ " long, of type not commonly found in food. Tests, not conclusive, indicated that it had been heated.	Importers cautioned
Super Suckers (Sweets) (Complaint)	Contaminated with mould	Manufacturers fined £25 plus £5.4.-. costs

Particulars of complaints from private purchasers
not submitted to the Public Analyst during the
year ended 31st December, 1969

<u>From</u>	<u>Complaint</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
Private purchaser	Mouldy Jiffy Jelly	Retailers cautioned
"	" Glass in canned salmon	Packer cautioned
"	" Mouldy Raisin Loaf	Bakers cautioned
"	" Insect in Chick Breasts in Jelly	See No. 2 on Samples list
"	" Mould in Super Suckers	" " 3 " " "
"	" Fibre glass in bread	Bakers fined £25. -- --

WATER SUPPLIES.

6 samples of water were taken for bacteriological examination and the results were recorded as follows:-

4 samples of Town's water were found to be satisfactory.

1 sample of a small chlorinated supply serving 185 houses in the Millbrook area was taken and was found to be satisfactory.

1 sample of the spring supplies in the Carrbrook and Millbrook area was taken, which was satisfactory.

I am indebted to the Engineer and Manager of the West Pennine Water Board, Mr. H.W. Elton, for the following information:-

1. Bacteriological examination of piped supplies:-

<u>Type of Water</u>	<u>Samples taken</u>	<u>Results</u>
Filtered water taken at plant	72	62 satisfactory 10 unsatisfactory
Filtered water taken in Borough	37	36 satisfactory 1 unsatisfactory

2. Chemical examination:-

Raw or partial treatment	58
Final water at plants	66
Samples taken in Borough	31
Fluoride	5

3. Plumbosolvency. The pH of the filtered water is raised by the addition of soda ash to prevent plumbosolvency. Six samples were examined for plumbosolvency and all were satisfactory.

4. The quality and quantity have both been satisfactory apart from an occasional discolouration due to mains overhaul and no form of contamination has occurred.

5. Population supplied from public water mains:-

(a) Direct to houses	-	21,620
(b) By means of standpipes	-	NONE

BATHS

The following criteria have applied to the Public Swimming Baths for the past few years:-

- (1) Source of Supply - Town's mains
- (2) Both pools are operated on the continuous turn-over system.
 - (a) Filtration
 - (b) Aeration
 - (c) Sterilisation by Chlorine Gas

Chemical treatment is constant and frequent tests are taken to ensure that breakpoint chlorination is present giving a free chlorine reading of two parts per million with a potential hydrogen reading of 7.8 parts per million. The resultant bacterial counts under these conditions have been nil.

Periodically both pools are completely emptied and the basins scrubbed.

Infectious Disease Notifications, 1969

Infectious Disease Notifications, 1969

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TABLE VIIncidence of the Main Infectious Diseases1962 - 1969

	1969	1968	1967	1966	1965	1964	1963	1962
Typhoid	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Poliomyelitis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Diphtheria	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Scarlet Fever	-	2	21	2	1	2	10	11
Tuberculosis (all forms)	3	6	6	6	9	6	15	11
Measles	104	106	200	290	149	326	265	128
Whooping Cough	2	8	55	26	1	35	24	18
Dysentery	20	18	17	2	5	5	-	31
Cerebro-Spinal Fever	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Food Poisoning	2	2	4	2	2	1	9	9
Infective Jaundice	1	7	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	132	149	303	328	167	375	323	208

SPECIFIC INFECTIONS

The number of notifications received during 1969 was again low - 132 cases only. The main culprit was measles in spite of the availability of a specific immunizing vaccine against this disease. I appreciate that teething troubles with one particular type of vaccine led to a less vigorous national campaign, but even so my impression is that vaccination against this disease has not proved popular locally. Whooping Cough continues to be less troublesome (2 cases) and only one case of Infective Jaundice was notified.

TABLE VII

Cases of Tuberculosis remaining on Register
at December, 1957 - 1969

Year	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Total	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
1957	86	64	10	6	96	70
1958	82	62	9	6	91	68
1959	79	58	7	7	86	63
1960	73	52	9	6	82	61
1961	69	48	9	8	78	56
1962	67	44	10	8	77	52
1963	69	35	11	11	80	46
1964	58	31	13	12	71	43
1965	54	33	14	14	68	47
1966	52	35	13	14	65	49
1967	52	36	13	14	65	50
1968	47	36	14	14	61	50
1969	46	34	14	14	60	48

CANCER

The number of cancer deaths this year was 37. Of these deaths 8 or 21.6% were due to cancer of the lung. It is significant to note that the figure of 8 is made up of 7 males and 1 female.

DYSENTERY

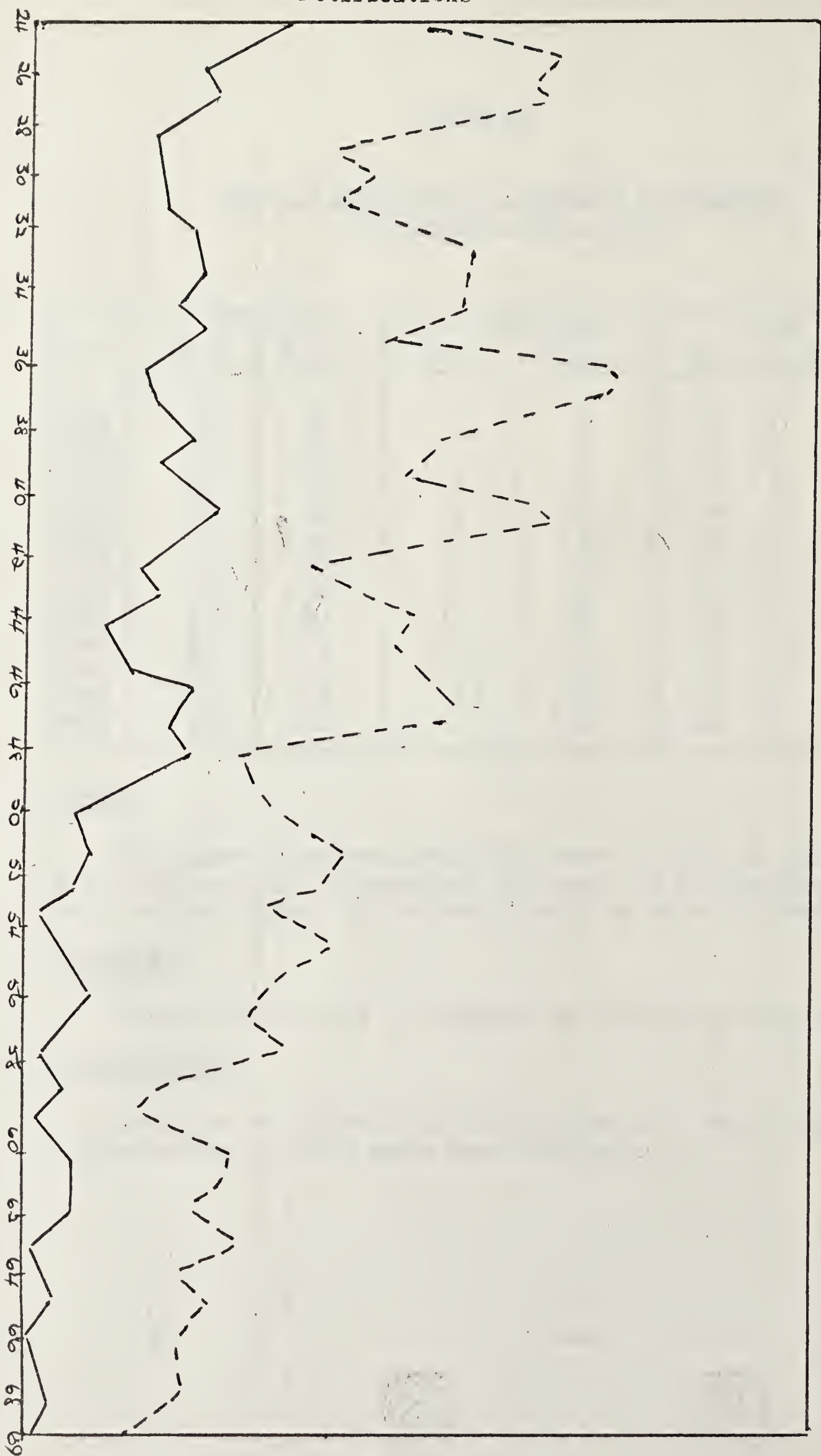
There were 20 cases of dysentery to record for the year 1969.

FOOD POISONING

There are no outbreaks of food poisoning to report during 1969. 2 unassociated isolated cases were notified.

TUBERCULOSIS TREND 1924 - 1969

--- Notifications per 1000 population
 — Deaths per 1000 population



The following table gives the number of houses which have been represented as individually unfit for human habitation since 1940:-

TABLE VIII

Year		No. of Houses Represented	
		<u>Housing Act, 1936</u>	
	<u>Section 12 (1) Closing Order</u>		<u>Section 11 (1) Demolition Order</u>
1940	3		-
1941	-		-
1942	-		3
1943	4		8
1944	2		5
1945	-		4
1946	-		3
1947	1		1
1948	-		-
1949	-		5
1950	-		8
1951	1		2
1952	1		4
1953	4		10
1954	16		1
1955	36		5
1956	11		4
1957	12		-
		<u>Sections 16 & 17 Housing Act, 1957</u>	
	<u>Closing Order</u>		<u>Demolition Order</u>
1957	9		8
1958	14		28
1959	6		13
1960	16		2
1961	16		9
1962	7		2
1963	13		-
1964	6		7
1965	3		1
1966	4		-
1967	2		2
1968	1		-
1969	-		-

During the year four clearance areas were made involving 37 houses. These are detailed in Table II in the Chief Public Health Inspector's section of this report.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE
CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR
AND
CLEANSING SUPERINTENDENT
FOR THE YEAR
1969

To the Chairman and Members of
the Public Health Committee

Mr. Chairman & Gentlemen,

The Report for 1969 is the 24th I have presented on the work carried out by the Cleansing Department and Public Health Inspector section of the Health Department.

Refuse Collection continues to be a major headache - wagon breakdowns; an increase in time lost through sickness; a certain amount of absenteeism amongst a small percentage of the men and difficulties in labour recruitment when men leave make the running of a very essential service difficult. It is expected that Work Study will be carried out in the Department in the near future and that a Bonus Scheme to increase the earnings of Cleansing Department employees in return for increased productivity, will result. If it does it could be that some of the difficulties in operating the refuse collection service will disappear but will it bring others?

Refuse Disposal is a continual worry - the tip roads, particularly during wet weather, become thick with mud with consequent damage to vehicles; strong winds cause paper troubles; indiscriminate tipping by outsiders causes untidiness; fires started by children and vandals cause nuisance to nearby property; floods on the tipping land and on Brushes Road caused by the choking of a culvert under land not owned by the local authority, cause trouble and inconvenience to the Department and to persons using the road. Lack of suitable covering material and loading shovel breakdowns add to the difficulties of disposing of refuse by Controlled Tipping. Disposal of refuse by this means is extremely cheap but causes considerable trouble and anxiety to the official responsible for operating the service. When one compares the cost of Refuse Disposal in Stalybridge with that of some local authorities who use other methods of disposal one wonders whether the ratepayers appreciate their good fortune! Consideration is being given to schemes of joint refuse disposal with adjacent local authorities and a survey by the Local Government Operational Research Unit is being carried out. It is hoped that progress will be made and that refuse disposal by incineration or pulverisation on a regional basis will become a reality in the not too distant future. If it does haulage costs to the disposal site will be high and the actual disposal costs will rise very considerably, but the tipping of crude refuse will cease and that in itself, in the opinion of certain Cleansing Officers, will be worth a lot of money.

Alterations and improvements at the Slaughterhouse, including the construction of a "cold" room within the cooling hall completed towards the end of the year meant that all slaughtering could be carried out on Monday to Friday each week. For a very considerable number of years a Public Health Inspector has been on Meat Inspection duty each weekend and holiday period - the new slaughtering arrangements make this weekend duty unnecessary.

The clearance of unfit properties has continued according to plan and two further Public Inquiries were held. Approximately 2,200 houses have been represented in Clearance Areas since 1955, a praiseworthy effort for a town with a population of under 22,000.

It is again pleasing to record the loyal and conscientious service given by all members of the staff and the help and encouragement given to the department by the Chairman, Deputy Chairman and members of the Public Health Committee.

Your obedient servant,

J. NORRIS

Chief Public Health Inspector.

TABLE I

	Number Visits	No. Notices served		Result of Service of Notice		
		Stat- utory	In- formal	Complied with	Out standing	Prose- cutions
Housing	1957	8	74	47	27	-
Yards, Courts, Passages	51	-	-	-	-	-
Drainage & Conversions	692	-	50	42	8	-
Infectious Disease	11	-	-	-	-	-
Meat & Other Foods	880	-	-	-	-	-
Food Premises	433	-	3	2	1	-
Milk & Dairies	3	-	-	-	-	-
Ice Cream Mfg. & Shops	7	-	-	-	-	-
Water Supplies	55	-	-	-	-	-
Shops Act	92	-	-	-	-	-
Factories Act	103	-	2	-	2	-
Refuse Collection	549	-	-	-	-	-
Refuse Disposal	418	-	-	-	-	-
Smoke Abatement (Industrial)	17	-	-	-	-	-
Smoke Control Areas (Dom.)	412	-	-	-	-	-
Hairdressing Saloons	12	-	-	-	-	-
Schools	-	-	-	-	-	-
Keeping of Animals	14	-	1	1	-	-
Offensive Accumulations	87	-	6	5	1	-
Contagious Diseases of Animals	6	-	-	-	-	-
Pets Act	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rats & Mice Infestations	938	-	-	-	-	-
" " " "						
(visits by Rodent Operator)	2668	-	-	-	-	-
Offices, Shops & Railway Premises	10	-	1	1	-	-
Unclassified Visits	537	-	1	1	-	-
Interviews	1325	-	-	-	-	-
Committee Meetings	46					
	11323	8	138	99	39	-

HOUSING CONDITIONS

COMMON LODGING HOUSES

There are no common lodging houses in the district.

HOUSING AND PUBLIC HEALTH ACT DEFECTS

During the year 356 complaints were received and investigated. The number in 1968 was 341.

8 formal and 138 informal notices dealing with 209 defects were served.

CLEARANCE OF UNFIT HOUSES

4 further Clearance Areas were represented during the year. The areas contained 37 houses, in addition 10 houses adjacent to one Area were purchased by agreement with the owners.

2 Public Inquiries were held -

Cocker Hill/Carter Street Clearance Order on 21st January

Castle Hall No. 19 Compulsory Purchase Order on 19th August

Both Orders were confirmed without modification.

TABLE
CLEARANCE OF UN

No.	Clearance Area	Clearance Order or Compulsory Purchase Order	Date of Order	No. of Houses Represented	No. of Houses Confirmed by Ministry
1	Henry St. & Thomas St.	CPO	1955	34	34
2	Bridge St. No. 1	CPO	1955	6	6
3	Bridge St. No. 2	CPO	1955	6	6
4	Cartwright's Bldgs., Robinson St.	CO	1955	7	7
5	Robinson St. & Summers St.	CO	1955	11	11
6	High St. No. 1	Patching	-	9	9
7	Castle Hall No. 1	CPO	1955	28	27
8	Robinson St. & Binns St.	CPO	1955	15	15
9	High St. No. 2	CPO	1955	6	6
10	Castle Hall No. 2	CPO	1955	38	38
11	Woolley's Terr. Peel St. Stanley St. & Robinson St.	CO	1956	36	36
12	Ashton St. & Belfield's Yard	CO	1956	14	14
13	Castle St. & Caroline St.	CPO	1956	8	8
14	Grafton St. & John St.	CPO	1957	14	14
15	Grouse St. & Friendship Yard	CPO	1957	13	13
16	Newton St. & Mount St.	CPO	1959	35	35
17	Tenter Brow	CPO	1959	9	9
18	Castle Hall No. 3	CPO	1959	48	48
19	Grosvenor St. & Caroline St.	CO	1959	12	12
20	Hully St. & Water Road	CO	1959	6	6
21	Shepley St. & Water St.	CPO	1959	14	14
22	Buckley St.	CPO	1959	5	5
23	Grosvenor St. No. 1	CPO	1959	29	29
24	Huddersfield Rd. & Platt's Bldgs.	-	-	33	Order made
25	Leech St.	CPO	1960	13	13
26	Stamford St. & Ayton St.	CPO	1960	10	10
27	Canal St. Grosvenor St. Bennett St.	CPO	1960	17	17
28	Vaudrey St. & Cross Leech St.	CPO	1960	5	5
29	Castle Hall No. 4	CPO	1961	41	41
30	High St. No. 3	CPO	1961	11	11
31	Grosvenor St. & Hallas St.	CPO	1961	7	7
32	High St./Booth St.	CPO	1961	102	102
33	Back Grosvenor St.	CPO	1961	4	4
34	Back Demesne St.	-	-	15	Order made
35	Bower Grove	CPO	1961	13	13
36	North End	CPO	1962	23	23
37	Black Rock	CPO	1962	14	14
38	Hollins St.	CPO	1962	2	2
39	Booth St.	CPO	1962	8	8
40	Ogden St.	CPO	1962	3	3
41	Back Avon St.	CPO	1962	8	8

II
HOUSES IN POST WAR SCHEME

Date of Representation	Date of Inquiry	Date of Confirmation by Ministry	No. of persons displaced	
8. 3.55	27. 9.55	5. 1.56	111	
8. 3.55	27. 9.55	5. 1.56	20	Includes 3 owned by L.A.
8. 3.55	27. 9.55	5. 1.56	17	
8. 6.55	No objection	12.12.55	12	
8. 6.55	No objection	12.12.55	29	
8. 6.55	-	16. 2.56	-	
8. 6.55	24. 1.56	8. 3.56	86	Includes 9 owned by L.A.
5.10.55	20. 3.56	18. 6.56	45	
5.10.55	20. 2.56	18. 6.56	20	
30.11.55	31. 5.56	28. 8.56	96	
5. 9.56	No objection	25. 2.57	86	
5. 9.56	No objection	25. 2.57	44	
5. 9.56	No objection	23. 3.57	16	
28. 5.57	11. 2.58	4. 6.58	24	
28. 5.57	11. 2.58	4. 6.58	23	Includes 10 owned by L.A.
3. 9.58	No objection	14. 5.59	22	
8.10.58	No objection	14. 5.59	18	
8.10.58	No objection	4. 6.59	114	Includes 13 owned by L.A.
3. 6.59	No objection	17. 6.60	40	
3. 6.59	No objection	30. 8.60	13	
3. 6.59	No objection	23. 2.60	38	Includes 4 owned by L.A.
24. 6.59	No objection	4. 1.60	12	
9. 9.59	10. 5.60	18. 8.60	61	
3. 2.60	Properties purchased	-	49	
9. 3.60	No objection	11.10.60	30	Includes 1 owned by L.A.
1. 6.60	15.10.60	7. 3.61	24	
7. 9.60	No objection	22. 3.61	17	Includes 2 owned by L.A.
7. 9.60	No objection	26. 1.61	4	
9.10.60	No objection	17. 5.61	93	Includes 4 owned by L.A.
8. 3.61	No objection	15. 9.61	27	
26. 4.61	No objection	15. 9.61	11	
5. 4.61	9. 8.61	7.12.61	215	
21. 6.61	No objection	21.11.61	10	
15.11.61	Properties purchased	-	37	
8.11.61	No objection	5. 7.62	29	
7. 2.62	No objection	15.11.62	46	Includes 3 owned by L.A.
7. 2.62	No objection	8.11.62	48	
7. 2.62	No objection	24.10.62	8	
7. 2.62	No objection	24.10.62	27	
7. 2.62	7.6.62	4.10.62	7	
25. 4.62	No objection	5.11.62	19	

TABLE
CLEARANCE OF UNFIT

No.	Clearance Area	Clearance Order or Compulsory Purchase Order	Date of Order	No. of Houses Represented	No. of Houses Confirmed by Ministry
42	Heap Street	CPO	1962	6	5
43	Cocker Hill	CPO	1962	2	2
44	Castle Hall No. 5	CPO	1962	189	188
45	Castle Hall No. 6	CPO	1963	73	73
46	Spring Bank, Heyrod	CO	1963	15	15
47	Nos. 3 & 4 Comprehensive Development Areas (Unfit Orders)	CPO	1963	7	
48	Castle Street Nos. 1 & 2	CPO	1963	19	19
49	Castle Hall No. 7	CPO	1963	72	69
50	Acres Lane & Lawton Street	CPO	1963	9	7
51	Stamford St./Wakefield Rd./Church St.	CPO		26	24
52	Montague St./Kinder St./Union St.	CPO	1963	13	13
53	High St./Robinson St./Tame St./Stanley St.	CPO	1964	56	54
54	Howards Buildings	CPO	1965	16	16
55	Castle Hall No. 8	CPO	1964	5	4
56	Brougham Street	CPO	1964	17	17
57	Warrington St. & Swallow's Yard	CPO	1964	12	12
58	High St. No. 4	CPO	1964	4	4
59	Castle Hall Nos. 9, 10 11	CPO	1964	76	74
60	Huddersfield Rd. & Ogden's Bldgs.	CO	1964	12	12
61	Victoria St. Millbrook	CO	1964	6	6
62	High St. & Victoria Place	CPO	1964	27	27
63	High St. Nos. 5, 6, 7	CPO	1965	32	31
64	Kirk's Buildings	CPO	1965	3	3
65	Bk. Astley St.	CPO	1965	5	5
66	George St. No. 1 & 2	CPO	1965	14	14
67	Set St./Sycamore St.	CPO	1965	49	49
68	High St. No. 8 and High St./Robinson St./Nield St.	CPO	1966	49	46
69	Quay St./Calverts Yard	CPO	1966	21	21
70	Quarry St.	CO	1966	3	3
71	Booth St.	CPO	1966	7	7
72	Castle Hall No. 12 & 13	CPO	1966	90	89
73	Stamford St.	No Order made	-	4	-
74	Castle Hall No. 14	CPO	1966	107	103
75	Castle Hall Nos. 15, 16, 17, 18	CPO	1967	139	138
76	Bk. Demesne St.	CPO	1967	13	13
77	Derby St.	CO	1967	14	14

II
HOUSES IN POST WAR SCHEME

Date of Representation	Date of Inquiry	Date of Confirmation by Ministry	No. of persons displaced	
25. 4.62	No objection	5.11.62	7	1 part demolished house to be coloured grey
25. 4.62	No objection	5.11.62	3	
6. 6.62	No objection	24. 4.63	455	Includes 3 L.A. & 1 lock-up shop coloured grey
9. 1.63	No objection	6.12.63	158	Includes 15 L.A. houses
9. 1.63	No objection	20. 6.63	23	
3. 4.63	18. 2.64			
5. 6.63	No objection	27. 4.64	29	
5. 6.63	3. 3.64	28. 7.64	139	Includes 15 L.A. houses
5. 6.63	3. 3.64	28. 7.64	21	
5. 6.63	18.11.64	29. 4.65	48	Includes 3 L.A. houses
7. 8.63	No objection	11. 2.64	20	Includes 6 L.A. houses
18. 3.64	12. 1.65	2. 3.65	116	Includes 5 L.A. houses
22. 4.64	No objection	15. 1.65	23	
22. 4.64	No objection	28. 1.65	8	Includes 1 owned by L.A.
5. 8.64	No objection	27. 4.65	39	
5. 8.64	No objection	27. 4.65	32	
5. 8.64	No objection	17. 8.65	10	
5. 8.64	No objection	2. 8.65	152	Includes 29 L.A. houses
25.11.64	4. 5.65	27. 7.65	24	
25.11.64	4. 5.65	26. 7.65	15	
25.11.64	26. 5.65	19. 7.65	58	Includes 1 L.A. house
28. 4.65	18. 1.66	18. 5.66	41	Plus 7 "Grey" house/shops
28. 4.65	1. 3.66	12. 5.66	5	
28. 4.65	1. 3.66	12. 5.66	10	
9. 6.65	13. 4.66	12. 7.66	34	
9. 6.65	18. 1.66	18. 5.66	121	
8. 9.65	7. 9.66	7. 2.67	101	Plus 5 "Grey" houses
8. 9.65	7. 9.66	7. 2.67	50	
8. 9.65	No objection	4. 7.66	12	
8. 9.65	13. 4.66	12. 7.66	15	
20.10.65	25.10.66	20. 1.67	225	Plus 14 "Grey" Houses
1. 6.66	-	-	10	
13. 7.66	23. 5.67	18. 9.67	217	Includes 8 L.A. and 7 "Grey" Houses
23.11.66	3.10.67	28.12.67	309	Includes 25 L.A. and 9 "Grey" houses
7. 6.67	No objection	17.11.67	13	Includes 3 L.A. houses
23. 8.67	No objection	30. 1.68	22	

TABLE
CLEARANCE OF UNFIT

No.	Clearance Area	Clearance Order or Compulsory Purchase Order	Date of Order	No. of Houses Represented	No. of Houses Confirmed by Ministry
78	Gledhall St. -	CPO	1968	5	5
79	Hollins St.	CPO	1968	4	4
80	Kinder St./Union St./Wakefield Rd. etc.	CPO	1968	138	138
81	Huddersfield Rd./Hey Heads	CO	1968	7	7
82	Bridge St./Caroline St./Bedford St.	CPO	1968	17	17
83	Cocker Hill/Carter St.	CO	1968	12	12
84	Stamford St./Newton St.	CO	1968	7	7
85	Castle Hall No. 19	CPO	1969	17	
86	Swan Houses	CO	1969	2	
87	Quarry St. No. 2 (28-46 High St. - houses adjoining above Area were bought by agreement with owners)	CPO	1969	7	
		-	-	10	
88	Huddersfield Rd. and Bradley Fold	CPO	1970	5	
89	Quay Street	CPO	1970	14	
90	Bailey Street/Bridge Street	CPO	1970	11	

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HOUSES IN POST WAR SCHEME

Date of Representation	Date of Inquiry	Date of Confirmation by Ministry	No. of persons displaced	
11.10.67	24.7.68	5.9.68	9	
11.10.67	Properties purchased		10	
11.10.67	13.8.68	18.12.68	214	Includes 30 L.A. houses
11.10.67	15.10.68	5.11.68	11	Includes 1 L.A. house
15.11.67	24. 9.68	31.10.68	30	Includes 8 L.A. houses and 3 "Grey" properties
15.11.67	21. 1.69	25. 3.69	33	
13.12.67	No objection	8. 8.68	15	
19. 3.69	19. 8.69	13. 10.69	29	Includes 7 L.A. houses and 1 "Grey" property
24. 4.68	No objection	18. 8.69	3	2 disused dwellings also included
19. 3.69			5	
-	-	-	-	
23. 4.69			21	
23. 4.69			37	Includes 1 L.A. house
23. 4.69			38	

RENT ACT, 1957

No applications for certificates of disrepair were received.

FOOD

MEAT AND OTHER FOODS INSPECTION

It is very satisfactory to report that once again no Tuberculosis was found in any animal.

The number of animals slaughtered at our one slaughterhouse off Buckley Street fell from 11434 in 1968 to 10388 in 1969.

Considerable alterations were carried out at the Buckley Street Slaughterhouse and part of the cooling hall was converted into a cold room. This alteration meant that weekend slaughtering could be dispensed with and in consequence no weekend Meat Inspection was necessary after 2nd November, 1969.

TABLE III

CARCASES INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED

	Cattle excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs
Number killed	1583	1065	20	6814	906
Number inspected	1583	1065	20	6814	906
ALL DISEASES EXCEPT TUBERCULOSIS & CYSTICERCOSIS					
Whole carcasses condemned	-	6	3	6	3
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	466	438	2	407	322
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuber- culosis and cysticercosis	29.4	41.6	25.0	6.0	35.8
TUBERCULOSIS ONLY					
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-	-
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis	-	-	-	-	-
CYSTICERCOSIS					
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	7	3	-	-	-
Carcasses submitted to treat- ment by refrigeration	1	-	-	-	-
Generalised and totally condemned	-	-	-	-	-

The approximate weight of meat and offal condemned at the Buckley Street Slaughterhouse is as follows:-

			<u>1968</u>	<u>1969</u>
Tubercular	...	...	-	-
Non-tubercular	...	...	23,420 lbs.	23,361 lbs.
			23,420 "	23,361 "

Details of meat and offal condemned are as follows:-

			<u>1968</u>	<u>1969</u>
Whole carcasses	...	...	15	18
Part carcasses	...	...	37	54
Heads & Tongues	...	...	32	23
Lungs	...	...	820	623
Diaphragms	...	...	61	23
Hearts	...	...	41	39
Livers	...	...	1096	889
Part Livers	...	...	547	425
Stomachs	...	...	12	5
Mesenteries & Intestines	...	...	9	6
Spleens	...	...	42	23
Kidneys	...	...	21	47
Plucks	...	...	25	42
Udders	...	...	120	48
Shanks	...	...	81	302
Stomach & Intestines	...	...	-	4

SLAUGHTERHOUSE

January 1st, 1961, was the appointed day for the Construction Regulations to apply to our one slaughterhouse situated in Buckley Street. The Slaughterhouse is privately owned and leased to a wholesale butcher.

DISPOSAL OF CONDEMNED MEAT AND OFFAL

All condemned meat and offal is sold to a firm outside the Borough for processing after being stained green by the Meat Inspectors.

In addition the following have been condemned:-

367 pkts. Baby food	639 pkts. frozen meat products
1 tin Treacle pudding	260 " " vegetables
22 tins Soft drinks	25 " " Eclairs
28 " Ham	43 " " Cream Sponge
27 " Meat	97 " " Puff Pastry
72 " Fruit	236 " " Mousse
678 " Vegetables	718 " " Fish
46 " Soup	1 jar Marmalade
1 " Fish	1 " Lemon Curd
14 " Creamed Rice	
5 " Creamed Sago	
2 " Macaroni	
2 " Tapioca	
1 " Mustard	

The following is a list of shops in which food is sold:-

Grocery & Provisions	...	...	...	68
Bakers & Confectioners	...	...	...	29
Fish Friers	...	...	...	18
Butchers	...	...	...	18
Greengrocers	...	...	...	17
Sweets & Tobacco etc.	...	...	...	13
Fishmongers	...	...	...	4
Cafes	...	...	...	16
Tripe	...	...	...	1
Wines & Spirits	...	...	...	1
Outdoor Licences	...	...	...	12
Factory Canteens	...	...	...	17
School Canteens	...	...	...	10

PREMISES REGISTERED UNDER SECTION 16
OF THE FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955

<u>Ice Cream</u>	- Manufacture	1
	- Storage and Sale	94
<u>Preserved Foods</u>	- Preparation and	
	Manufacture	33

In relation to ice cream premises the requirements of the Ice Cream (Heat Treatment, etc.) Regulations, 1947 - 1952 are complied with.

FOOD PREMISES

The routine inspection of food premises continued during the year. A reasonable standard of hygiene is generally maintained and the majority of food traders are co-operative. The total number of visits to food premises during the year was 440 and the following is a list of visits made to the various types of food premises:-

Butchers' Shops	...	...	57
Bakehouses	...	...	30
Cafes & Canteens	...	...	44
Fried Fish Shops	...	...	30
Ice Cream Manufacturing & Storage	...	...	7
Fishmongers	...	...	24
Public Houses	...	...	126
Grocers Shops	...	...	40
Other Food Premises	...	...	82

MOBILE FOOD SHOPS

A number of food traders are now operating mobile shops and under a local act the licensing of all hawkers is required. No licence is issued without the vehicle being inspected and approved by the Public Health Department and in this way a reasonable standard of mobile food shop is attained.

ICE CREAM

Distribution of ice cream within the Borough continues to be very satisfactory, only closed motor vans and trailers specially constructed and equipped with hot and cold water are used.

Ice cream is manufactured in only one building, this was erected in 1967.

THE LIQUID EGG (Pasteurisation) REGULATIONS, 1963

Number of egg pasteurisation plants in district	-	None
Number of samples of liquid egg submitted to the Alpha-Amylase test and their results	-	None

POULTRY INSPECTION

There are no processing premises within the Borough.

CLEAN AIR

Industrial Air Pollution

The big majority of industrial firms keep well within the time limit laid down in the Dark Smoke (Permitted Periods) Regulations, 1958, and no formal observations were taken.

Domestic Air Pollution

A further Smoke Control Area was decided on - the Mottram Road/ Stocks Lane/Huddersfield Road/Demesne Drive Order comprising 322 privately owned houses; 56 local authority owned houses and 10 other premises. The estimated cost of firegrate conversions is £12,442 and the suggested date of operation is 1st July, 1972.

Smoke Control Orders

<u>No.</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Date of Operation</u>	<u>Acreage</u>	<u>Premises</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
1	Fern Bank	1.3.60	21 $\frac{1}{2}$	140	
2	Castle Hall No. 1	1.6.60	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	95	Redevelopment site
3	High Street No. 1	1.6.60	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	36	" "
4	Castle Hall No. 2	1.1.62	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	43	" "
5	Ridge Hill/Stamford Street	1.7.62	230	1227	
6	Hague/Heyrod	1.3.64	245	1338	
7	Lindenwood	1.7.65	14 $\frac{1}{2}$	116	Private Development
8	Hollins Estate etc.	1.7.65	62 $\frac{1}{2}$	240	" "
9	Buckton Vale Road	1.3.66	10	126	Manchester Overspill site
10	High St./Hollins St. etc.	1.7.67	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	75	Redevelopment Site
11	Mottram Rd./Mottram Old Rd.	1.7.68	774	517	
12	Undeveloped Land around Copley, Millbrook etc.	1.7.69	1055	96	
13	Set St./Sycamore St.	1.7.69	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	None at present	Redevelopment site
14	High St. No. 2	1.7.69	2 $\frac{1}{4}$	92	Redevelopment site
15	Mottram Rd./Grey St.	1.7.71	13	335	
16	Mottram Rd./Stocks Lane/ Huddersfield Rd./ Demesne Drive	1.7.72	22 1/3	386	
			<u>2458 11/12</u>	<u>4862</u>	

Measurement of Air Pollution

One volumetric SO₂ and smoke recording instrument is in use in the Health Department. In order to obtain a complete year's figures readings are taken during all holiday periods.

The following Table shows the monthly figures:-

Month	S M O K E			S O ₂		
	Highest	Lowest	Average	Highest	Lowest	Average
January	346	48	172	452	75	180
February	483	61	206	576	121	243
March	418	59	119	403	94	172
April	211	53	98	226	96	140
May	117	38	68	226	31	104
June	108	10	38	131	55	87
July	72	7	35	127	41	89
August	101	14	39	163	59	91
September	125	22	67	190	56	114
October	259	22	82	217	28	102
November	279	52	108	238	82	130
December	922	42	205	1020	76	215

RODENT CONTROL

During the year the Rodent Operator made 2,668 visits.
A further 938 visits were made by the Public Health Inspectors.

The use of Fluoracetamide in the sewers was continued.
The dates of the Fluoracetamide treatments and the number of manholes treated are as follows:-

3rd March	-	22nd March	—	400
7th July	-	15th July	—	400
13th October	-	21st October	—	400

472 complaints regarding rats and mice infestations were made at the Health Centre.

29 annual contracts were in force at the end of the year and the total income received from these amounted to £145. -. -d.

	Type of Property	
	Non-Agricultural	Agricultural
Number of properties in district	9872	21
Total number of properties (including nearby premises) inspected following notification	512	-
Number infested by (i) Rats (ii) Mice	32	-
	55	-
Total number of properties inspected for rats and/or mice for reasons other than notification	175	-
Number infested by (i) Rats (ii) Mice	16	-
	15	-

The above table gives details of the work carried out in the Borough as detailed in the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food official form.

DISINFESTATION

Insecticide containing D.D.T. is used for disinfestation, 9 premises involving 30 rooms have been treated.

WASTE WATER CLOSET CONVERSIONS

The three stage compulsory conversion scheme was completed in 1964, and the only recorded waste water closets left in the town are those serving houses in clearance areas and houses likely to be considered for clearance in the near future.

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE

38 drains and 1 waste water gully have been opened by the Cleansing Department employees during the year.

The Borough Engineer, Mr. J.B.B. Seville, has kindly supplied me with the following information:-

- (a) main drainage laid by developers, i.e. 6" and 9" in pipes - 6,190 lin.yds.
- (b) an additional 100 lin.yds. of 21" concrete pipe was used in culverting of water courses
- (c) 4,465 lin. yds. of 6" and 9" sewers were adopted during 1969/70.

FACTORIES ACTS

103 visits to bakehouses and other factories have been made during the year.

TABLE IV

INSPECTIONS MADE BY PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTORS

1. - Inspections for purposes of provisions as to health.

	No. on Re- gister	Number of		
		Inspection	Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
Factories without Mechanical Power	27	1	-	-
Factories with Mechanical Power	155	102	-	-
Other premises under the Act (including works of building and engineering construction but not including outworkers' premises)	7	-	-	-
	189	103	-	-

2. - Defects found

Particulars	Number of defects				Number of defects in respect of which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred to H.M. Inspector	by H.M. Inspector	
Want of cleanliness (S)	-	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding (S.2)	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilating (S.4)	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective draining of floors (S.6)	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary conveniences -					
Insufficient	-	-	-	-	-
Unsuitable or defective	2	2	-	-	-
Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences	-	-	-	-	-
	2	2	-	-	-

OUTWORKERS

There are 26 outworkers in the town employed by firms both inside and outside Stalybridge. Each outworker is engaged in making wearing apparel.

SHOPS ACT, 1950

92 visits were made to shops in connection with health provisions and hours of closing under the Shops Act, 1950.

REGISTRATION OF HAIRDRESSERS

The number of premises registered for the purposes of hairdressing under Section 148 of the Cheshire County Council Act, 1953, is 39. The premises comply with the requirements of the bye-laws made under the Act and a good standard is maintained.

PET ANIMALS ACT, 1951

3 premises are licensed under the Act. The premises are kept in a reasonable condition. During the year one of the three premises, which was included in a Compulsory Purchase Order, was demolished.

CONTAGIOUS DISEASES OF ANIMALS

Anthrax

No cases or suspected cases of Anthrax were dealt with.

Diseases of Animals (Waste Foods) Order

6 boiling plants are licensed under the above Order. Most of the plants are used by small stock-keepers and only a small amount of kitchen waste is treated.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948
SECTION 50

No burials were arranged during 1969.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

Talks were again given to the senior classes in the two Secondary Modern Schools.

OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

The following premises were on the Register at the year end.

Offices	...	...	...	36
Retail Shops	...	...	...	111
Wholesale Shops, Warehouses	...	...	...	4
Catering Establishments open to the public, canteens	...	...	...	24
Fuel Storage Depots	...	...	...	-
				175

The number of visits to registered premises was 10.

The analysis of persons employed in registered premises is as follows:-

<u>Class of Workplace</u>	<u>No. of persons employed</u>
Offices	268
Retail Shops	334
Wholesale Depts. Warehouses	58
Catering establishments open to the public	116
Canteens	1
Fuel Storage Depots	-
	770
Total No. of Males	353
Total No. of Females	424

ANALYSIS OF CONTRAVENTIONS

Section		Number of Contra- ventions found	Section		Number of Contra- ventions found
4	Cleanliness	-	13	Sitting facilities	-
5	Overcrowding	-	14	Seats (Sedentary Workers)	-
6	Temperature	-	15	Eating facilities	-
7	Ventilation	-	16	Floors, passage & stairs	-
8	Lighting	-	17	Fencing exposed parts machinery	-
9	Sanitary Conveniences	-	18	Protection of young persons from dangerous machinery	1
10	Washing facilities	-	19	Training of young persons working at dangerous machinery	-
11	Supply of drinking water	-	23	Prohibition of heavy work	-
12	Clothing Accommo- dation	-	24	First Aid General Provisions	2
					3

REPORTED ACCIDENTS

Workplace	No. Re- ported	Total No. Investi- gated	Action Recommended			No Action
			Prose- cution	Formal Warning	Informal Advice	
Offices	-	-	-	-	-	-
Retail Shops	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wholesale Shops, Warehouses	-	-	-	-	-	-
Catering Establish- ments open to public, canteens	3	-	-	-	-	3
Fuel Storage Depots	-	-	-	-	-	-
	3	-	-	-	-	3

REFUSE COLLECTION
DISPOSAL AND SALVAGE

REFUSE COLLECTION

During the year the following loads of refuse were cleared:-

House Refuse	...	...	...	3904
Salvage	...	...	...	487
Pails	...	...	...	52

A weekly collection of refuse was maintained by 2 of the 4 refuse collection gangs except for the period following holidays. The frequency for the other two gangs was 1 to 2 days over the week. The development of the town still continues and the refuse collection service is at full stretch to provide a reasonable collection.

The access to some of the new properties is difficult which with long carries causes a slowing down of refuse collection.

Pail Collection

The pails serving the 40-50 hillside farms and cottages are emptied each week on Saturday morning - including holiday periods. A pail collection trailer is used and the contents are discharged into a sewer.

Provision of Ashbins

As from 1st April, 1952, ashbins were supplied by the Council as a charge against General Rate Fund and since that date 9,183 ashbins have been supplied. During the year 714 bins were supplied to domestic premises and 43 bins were sold.

Refuse Collection Vehicles

Details of vehicles operated by the Cleansing Department are as follows:-

<u>Registered</u> <u>No.</u>	<u>Make</u>	<u>Capacity</u>	<u>Purchased</u>	<u>Price</u> £	<u>Depreciated</u> <u>Year</u>
4026 TJ	Ford	7 cwt. Van	July 1963	481	1970
9868 VU	Karrier	12 cu.yd.	Apr. 1964	2058	1969
CNF 918C	Karrier	10 cu.yd.	June 1965	1445	1972
STU 479D	Weatherill	Loading Shovel	Sept. 1966	3045	1970
JVM 584F	Karrier	Ramillies 25	Jan. 1968	3466	1974
LNC 476G	Karrier	10 cu.yd.	Oct. 1968	1607	1975
LND 422G	Karrier	18 cu.yd.	Oct. 1968	3248	1975
MVM 358G	Karrier	12 cu.yd.	June 1969	2388	1976

The 18 cu.yd. S.D. Fore & Aft Tipper, 779 AMB, purchased from a nearby local authority in 1968 for use until a new vehicle was obtained was disposed of in June when the Karrier 12 cu.yd. Dual Tip MVM 358G was delivered.

Vehicle breakdowns and the length of time vehicle repairs take continue to cause difficulties.

Cleansing Department Labour

451 working days were lost due to sickness as against $347\frac{1}{2}$ in 1968. The figure for 1967 was $422\frac{1}{2}$.

The Cleansing Department Foreman, Mr. J. Bishop, resigned on 13th January for health reasons. Mr. H. Rushton the Loading Shovel Driver took over as Acting Foreman until Mr. A. Cochrane of Ashton-under-Lyne was appointed in February.

Wages Rates

Wage rates payable at the end of the year were as follows:-

Ashbinman	£15. 10. --
Ashbinman with over 5 years service	£15. 17. --
Driver	£16. 2. --
Driver with over 5 years service	£16. 9. --

Depots

The Depots in use by the department are still Ashbridge Motors, Market Street and Dean Street Yard. Still no progress has yet been made in obtaining land on which to build a depot to replace that at Dean Street.

DISPOSAL

The Brushes Tip was again used for the disposal of nearly all our refuse. Quarry Street Tip was used on two or three occasions during very bad weather. No domestic refuse has yet been tipped by us in Stonecliffe Quarry, which the Corporation own. Indiscriminate and unauthorised tipping at weekend and evenings has again occurred.

The refuse disposal survey conducted by the Local Government Operational Research Unit continued. The survey in which Stalybridge took part covered the local authorities around Stockport. A further survey covering the local authorities in the Oldham area was started and whilst Stalybridge did not contribute to the cost of this survey, it may be that the siting of the disposal plant could be more accessible than the one covering the Stockport area. Interest was maintained in both surveys and the possibility of a joint plant for the use of Ashton-under-Lyne, Dukinfield & Stalybridge was still very much in mind.

SALVAGE

Details of the tonnage and value of waste paper collected during the past five years is as follows:-

<u>Year</u>	<u>Weight</u> (tons)	<u>Value</u> £
1965	271	2387
1966	259	2303
1967	230	1968
1968	214	1769
1969	204	2043

The following are comparative figures for 1968 and 1969:-

<u>1968</u>			T. C.	£
Paper	...	...	214 14	1769
Metal	...	...	2 4	25
			216 18	1794
<u>1969</u>			T. C.	£
Paper	...	...	204 1	2043
Metal	...	...	2 10	3
Sundries	...	...	- -	2
			206 11	2048

The price received for waste paper increased from £9.12.6d. per ton to £10 per ton on 1st February, 1969 and to £10.10.-. per ton on 1st December, 1969.

Salvage Bonus

The bonus paid each financial year for the past ten years is as follows:-

<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount Paid</u>		
	£	s.	d.
1960/61	429	18	3
1961/62	356	16	-
1962/63	235	11	10
1963/64	169	18	5
1964/65	240	3	9
1965/66	520	4	7
1966/67	469	-	3
1967/68	297	4	6
1968/69	176	6	-
1969/70	305	17	2

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 July, 1969 - December, 1969 - COUNTY COUNCILLOR J. WILKINSON

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 Alderman R. Gudgeon
 Councillor G. Lawton
 Alderman J.D. Lilley
 Alderman H.A. Myers, M.B.E.
 Alderman J.W. Sleight
 Councillor H. Smith

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Health Office,
Stamford Street,
Stalybridge.

July, 1970.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

This is the twenty first Annual Report on those services administered by the Divisional Health Committee under the Second Schedule of the Cheshire County Council Scheme of Divisional Health Administration.

The main change in the services in this area has been in the field of Child Health brought about by the adoption of the Sheldon Report. The new technique of developmental screening has proved to be successful in all the clinics in the Division and mothers are finding this type of examination both interesting and illuminating. Due to this and to the suspension of sales of proprietary foods the Voluntary Committee in Dukinfield felt it no longer had a useful role to play and, therefore, disbanded after many many years of work at the clinics in Astley Street, King Street and Dewsnap Lane. I would like to thank its members for the excellent support they have given us during all this time.

Measles vaccination never really got off to a good start and during the year one manufacturer withdrew his vaccine. We were forced to limit our programme which has never recovered and a big effort on everybody's part is required if we are to contain this disease.

In conclusion may I express my gratitude to the members of the Committee for their courtesy and forbearance and to the members of the staff for their willing assistance and cheerful support throughout the year.

Yours obediently,

T. HOLME

Divisional Medical Officer

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Divisional Health Office,
Stamford Street,
Stalybridge.

Divisional Medical Officer

- Thomas Holme, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.

Clerk to the Committee

- Douglas Leeming, Ll.B.

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Officers

- J.B. Hinchliffe, M.B., Ch.B.,
- A.N. Edmondson, M.B., Ch.B.

Divisional Administrative
Assistant

- A. Clough, M.I.O.M., A.R.S.H., L.I.S.W.

Clerical Assistants

- C.C. Fudge
Miss J. Norton
Mrs. A. Frith
Mrs. E. Brooks
Mrs. S. Pendlebury (nee Wood)
Miss M. Cowley
Mrs. D.N. Marsden
Mrs. W. Peel
Mrs. B. Roberts

Health Visitors (Stalybridge)

- Miss M.E. Mackenzie
Miss D.H. Garner
Mrs. B. Dodgson

(Dukinfield)

- Mrs. M. Knowles
Mrs. J. Lee
Mrs. B. Lees

District Nurses (Stalybridge)

- Mrs. A.R. Porter
Mr. S. Steels
Mrs. G. Gregson
Mrs. B. Sunderland

(Dukinfield)

- Miss O. Morton
Mrs. H.M. Johnson
Mrs. Simpson

Midwives

(Stalybridge)

- Miss H. Sowerbutts
Mrs. J. Evans
Mrs. Leatherbarrow

(Dukinfield)

- Miss L. Bradley
Miss L. O'Hara
Mrs. C. Lawton

Nurses

- Mrs. B. Redfern

Senior Mental Welfare Officer

- G.E. Lanceley

Physiotherapists

- Mrs. W.R. White
Mrs. M. Done

Domestic Help Supervisor

- Miss K. Sellars

Dental Surgeons

- G.O. Taylor, L.D.S.,

Specialists

Ophthalmic Surgeon

- F.W.C. Brown, M.D., Ch.B., D.P.H.

Orthopaedic Surgeons

- V.H. Wheble, B.M., Ch.B., F.R.C.S.
C.M. Dransfield, F.R.C.S. L.R.C.P.

Tuberculosis Physician

- P.B. Woolley, M.B., M.R.C.P.

Ear, Nose & Throat Surgeon

- O.T. Taylor, M.B., Ch.B.

Consultant Child Psychiatrist

- J.L. Lanceley, M.D. M.R.C.P. (G.) D.P.M.
A. Keevil M.B. B.S., D.C.H., D.P.M.

General Practitioners attending
Welfare Centre, Dukinfield on a
sessional basis

- D. Milner, M.B., Ch.B.

CARE OF MOTHERS AND YOUNG CHILDREN

The four Welfare Centres in the Division are situated as follows:-

<u>Dukinfield</u>	- King Street, Dukinfield. Dewsnap Lane, Dukinfield.
<u>Stalybridge</u>	- Stamford Street, Stalybridge. Milton Avenue, Millbrook.

Sessions are held as follows:-

King Street	- Wednesday afternoon
Dewsnap Lane	- Thursday afternoon
Millbrook	- Monday afternoon
Stamford Street	- Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons

Births

There was a decrease in births during the year from 668 to 652. The record for the last four years is 555, 627, 668, 652. Of these births 465 or 71.5% occurred in hospital or maternity home. The large number of bookings in hospital has meant the continuation of the priority system for admission and the system of early discharge after delivery. Home and social conditions are assessed by this department and we have yet to have a refusal on an adverse report from me. The midwives, themselves, assess conditions in order to help the hospital decide whether a patient can be discharged after 48 hours of delivery.

Child Health Clinics

The system of recording attendances at clinics changed at the end of July. Table A showing attendances to that date, Table A1 showing attendances from that date.

TABLE A

Child Health Clinics

Clinic		Dewsnap Lane				Totals	King Street				Totals
Quarter		1	2	July			1	2	July		
New Cases		51	46	15		112	21	28	8		57
Attend- ances	0-1	439	486	161		1086	236	297	99		632
	1-2	110	86	30		226	44	59	15		118
	2-5	83	109	35		227	46	74	19		139
Total attendances						1651					946
Clinic		Stalybridge				Totals	Millbrook				Totals
Quarter		1	2	July			1	2	July		
New Cases		55	81	17		153	23	21	4		48
Attend- ances	0-1	486	580	208		1274	193	200	64		457
	1-2	116	913	29		1058	58	63	11		132
	2-5	100	83	37		220	45	46	5		96
Total attendances						2705					733

The following table indicates the total births in the Division and the place of confinement:-

TABLE B

	DUKINFIELD						STALYBRIDGE					
	Live			Still			Live			Still		
	1967	1968	1969	1967	1968	1969	1967	1968	1969	1967	1968	1969
Gen. Hospital	194	193	192	3	6	5	285	303	273	11	9	6
Other Mater- nity homes & hospitals	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Domiciliary confinement	55	69	83	-	-	-	76	88	93	-	-	-
	252	262	275	3	6	5	361	391	366	11	9	6

TABLE 1A

No. of children who attended born	Aug/Sept. Qtr.				Dec. Qtr.				Totals				Grand Total
	K/S	D/L	S/B	M/B	K/S	D/L	S/B	M/B	K/S	D/L	S/B	M/B	
Current year	20	23	40	10	27	46	52	20	47	69	92	30	238
First subsequent	134	241	310	110	188	407	391	190	322	648	701	300	1971
Last year	3	3	17	3	6	4	7	6	9	7	24	9	49
First subsequent	40	48	62	44	52	126	75	60	92	174	137	104	507
Previous 3 years	20	20	38	4	30	31	17	6	50	51	55	10	166
First subsequent	28	43	53	26	21	63	37	29	49	106	90	55	300
No. seen by Doctor	64	94	201	73	80	156	286	120	144	250	487	193	1074
No. who attended by appointment for D.P.E.	-	-	1	-	-	-	45	-	-	-	46	-	46
No. given appointment for D.P.E. who did not attend	-	-	1	-	-	-	43	-	-	-	44	-	44
No. of children referred elsewhere	2	9	13	2	1	-	12	5	3	9	25	7	44
Sessions attended by Medical Officer	7	6	18	8	11	11	24	12	18	17	42	20	97
Paid sessionally - G.P.	7	-	-	-	11	-	-	-	18	-	-	-	18
Other	-	6	18	8	-	11	24	12	-	17	42	20	79
H.V. only	-	1	-	-	-	-	3	1	-	1	3	1	5

Mothercraft and Relaxation Classes

			<u>1968</u>	<u>1969</u>
No. of sessions held	...	...	60	60
No. of new cases	...	...	84	69
No. of attendances	...	...	368	335

Problem Families

At present there are 27 known problem families in the Division and a great deal of effort is expended by all members of the staff in an attempt to uplift and finally resolve the family problems and rehabilitate the family.

Much use is made of voluntary bodies, particularly W.R.V.S. and S.S.A.F.A. in provision of cash grants and clothing to needy families. The cash grants usually are obtained to pay rent arrears when eviction is threatened and to alleviate other debts which may be creating problems. It is interesting to note that from S.S.A.F.A. sources and Regimental Associations in the last year no less than £1,071 was granted to cases in which the County Council was providing social case work -

<u>Health Department</u>	£330 for Handicapped persons £20 " Child health
<u>Childrens Department</u>	£652 " rent, gas and electricity arrears (including eviction cases)
<u>Welfare</u>	£69 for general aid and rent or other arrears

In addition some £60 worth of clothing & layettes was made available.

WELFARE FOODS

There was a decrease in the sale of all welfare foods.

TABLE C

	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968	1969
National Dried Milk	6,411	6,529	7,101	6,033	3,985	2,316
Cod Liver Oil	412	473	529	430	443	476
Orange Juice	4,835	5,182	5,872	6,084	7,207	6,724
A & D Tablets	409	405	382	426	304	367

TABLE D

Quarter		March		June		Sept.		Dec.		Total	
		1968	1969	1968	1969	1968	1969	1968	1969	1968	1969
National	) @ 2/4d	687	176	508	218	344	252	241	197	1780	843
dried	) @ 4/-d	563	264	588	286	494	310	377	288	2022	1148
milk	) free	31	78	67	83	4	93	81	51	183	325
Cod	) @ 1/-d	143	132	89	124	91	98	111	111	434	465
Liver	)										
Oil	) free	4	6	2	2	2	2	1	1	9	11
A & D	) @ 6d	71	114	72	98	68	70	93	85	304	367
Tablets	) free	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Orange	) @ 1/6d	1341	1651	1594	1856	1645	1718	1606	1448	6186	6673
Juice	) free	8	8	4	14	7	10	2	19	21	51

The sales of proprietary foods ceased in all clinics except Millbrook, from April, 1970, sales will be continued at this clinic because there is a lack of suitable shops in the area selling baby foods. The sale of foods became the responsibility of the Divisional Health staff from this date. Allied to the inauguration of Developmental Paediatrics the need for voluntary workers in this field was removed and they ceased to attend at Dukinfield on 31st December, 1969. I would like to thank those in Dukinfield who co-operated with us so well and sold welfare foods at the clinic on our behalf for so long. We still continue to get voluntary help in Stalybridge and Millbrook and I would like to thank them for their continual support.

SPECIALISTS CLINICS

It is most essential when running Child Welfare sessions to have the backing of specialist clinics where cases can be referred for consultant opinion and advice and although the numbers referred under 5 years of age appear to be small this is no reflection on the great value of this type of clinic.

	<u>1968</u>	<u>1969</u>
<u>Ophthalmic (under 5)</u>		
New cases	9	9
Total attendances	35	19
<u>Ear, Nose and Throat (under 5 years)</u>		
New cases	13	15
Total attendances	13	16
<u>Physiotherapy (under 5)</u>		
Total attendances for interview by Ortho.Surgeon	735	233
Total attendances at Physiotherapist's Clinic	380	1036
Total attendances for U.V.R. treatment	802	550
<u>Hearing Clinics</u>		
No. of sessions	28	30
No. of children examined (0-5 years)	299	277
In addition to the normal screening clinics, selected cases are referred to a specialist clinic conducted by Dr. Taylor.		
<u>Dental Treatment</u>		
<u>Children 0-5 years</u>		
No. of inspections	86	103
No. of visits	109	88
No. of extractions	91	69
No. of fillings	49	50
Dentures supplied	-	-
<u>Ante-natal patients</u>		
No. of inspections	10	10
No. of visits	10	16
No. of extractions	3	7
No. of fillings	8	23

DAY NURSERY

The cost of the Day Nursery service continues to increase year by year and 1969 was no exception to this rule. As far as Dukinfield Nursery was concerned there was an increase in gross expenditure from 26/-d. a day to 26/10d. The net expenditure decreased from 17/10d. to 17/3d.

The charges levied are as follows:-

- (i) The standard charge when both parents are working - 16/-d. per day
- (ii) Where more than one child of a mother is attending a Day Nursery, the charge for second and subsequent children attending at the same time - 10/-d. " "
- (iii) The charge for children of mothers who are single, separated or divorced and living as single - 3/-d. " "
- (iv) The charge for children whose father is unemployed ill or otherwise unable to work - 5/-d. " "
- (v) The charge for mentally handicapped children attending at the specific request of the County Medical Officer is the same as that at a Junior Training Centre - 1/6d. " "

	<u>1969</u>	<u>1968</u>
Total attendances 0-2 years	2093	2017
2-5 years	4810	4857
Average attendance per day	32	29
New cases admitted	23	24
Waiting list as at 31.12.69	22	19
No. of mothers in employment	30	36
No. of medical examinations carried out	28	31
No. receiving sunlight treatment	-	-

TABLE E

Item	WHOLE COUNTY		DUKINFIELD DAY NURSERY			
	1967/68	1968/69	1967/68		1968/69	
	Cost per attendance	Cost per attendance	Expenditure	Cost per attendance	Expenditure	Cost per attendance
<u>STANDING CHARGES</u>						
Employees	s. d.	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Premises	17. 7.	18. 2.	6,640	20. 0.	7,290	20. 7.
Other Expenses	3. 4. 5.	3. 5. 4.	1,291 158	3. 11. 6.	1,357 192	3. 10. 7.
Total Standing Charges	21. 4.	21. 11.	8,089	24. 5.	8,839	25. --
<u>RUNNING CHARGES</u>						
Provisions	1. 7. 4.	1. 9. 5.	435 83	1. 4. 3.	535 120	1. 6. 4.
Other Expenses	1. 11.	2. 2.	518	1. 7.	655	1. 10.
Total Running Charges						
<u>TOTAL STANDING & RUNNING CHARGES</u>						
Capital Charges and Rent	23. 3. 1. 5.	24. 1. --	8,607 5	26. --	9,494 5	26. 10. --
TOTAL	24. 8.	25. 1.	8,612	26. --	9,499	26. 10.
Contributions from Parents, etc.	7. 11.	7. 10.	2,728	8. 2.	3,402	9. 7.
Number of places provided	473	473	35		35	
Average Daily Attendance	396	406	26		29	
Percentage of places occupied	84%	86%	80%		83%	
Number of attendances	97,136	99,064	6,667		7,070	

VACCINATION AND IMMUNISATION

The number of persons vaccinated against smallpox showed a decrease to 381 from 469 in 1968.

Smallpox Vaccination - 1969

TABLE F

Age at date of vaccination	Number vaccinated	Number revaccinated
0 - 3 months	-	-
3 - 6 "	-	-
6 - 9 "	-	-
9 - 12 "	-	-
1 year	105	
2 - 4 years	223	1
5 - 15 "	53	11
Total	381	12
At Clinics	289	9
By G.P's.	102	3

The figures for the twenty one complete years since vaccination ceased to be compulsory are as follows:-

1949	-	76	1960	-	366
1950	-	223	1961	-	369
1951	-	350	1962	-	3317
1952	-	459	1963	-	150
1953	-	611	1964	-	269
1954	-	318	1965	-	256
1955	-	280	1966	-	281
1956	-	269	1967	-	289
1957	-	364	1968	-	469
1958	-	325	1969	-	381
1959	-	346			

VACCINATION OF PERSONS UNDER AGE 16 COMPLETED DURING 1969

TABLE G - Completed Primary Courses

Type of vaccine	Year of birth					Others under Age 16	Total	
	1969	1968	1967	1966	1962-65		At clinics	By G.P's.
Quadruple DTPP	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Triple DTP	11	233	27	13	29	9	175	147
Diphtheria/Pertussis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Diphtheria/Tetanus	-	-	-	-	72	-	72	-
Diphtheria	-	-	-	-	2	-	2	-
Pertussis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tetanus	-	-	-	-	-	8	1	7
Salk	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sabin	10	207	35	9	91	6	209	149
Measles	-	32	74	47	44	3	127	73

TABLE H - Reinforcing Doses

Type of vaccine	Year of birth					Others under Age 16	Total	
	1969	1968	1967	1966	1962-65		At clinics	By G.P's.
Quadruple DTPP	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Triple DTP	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1
Diphtheria/Pertussis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Diphtheria/Tetanus	-	16	21	-	553	22	491	121
Diphtheria	-	-	-	-	10	-	10	-
Pertussis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tetanus	-	-	-	1	85	12	85	13
Salk	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sabin	-	20	21	4	633	24	588	114
Measles	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

PREVENTION OF ILLNESS, CARE AND AFTERCARE

	<u>Pulmonary</u>		<u>Non-pulmonary</u>		<u>Total</u>
	M	F	M	F	
On T.B. Register at 31.12.69	69	56	25	18	168
Notified during 1969	10	4	-	-	14

B.C.G. Vaccination

The B.C.G. vaccination programme was pursued during 1969.

I was again disappointed with the reduction in the percentage of consents, 79.7 compared with 80.38 in 1968, especially as this form of vaccination gives excellent protection against tuberculosis. During the year we continued to use the Dermojet vaccination technique with encouraging results. This method is both quicker and more acceptable to the children and may prove to be the method of choice in the future.

TABLE I

	School children	Students
Consents issued	596	-
Consents received	475	-
Pre-vaccination skin tests		
Number tested	448	1
+ve	29	-
-ve	419	1
Follow-up skin tests (12 months)		
Number tested	303	-
+ve	299	-
-ve	4	-
Number vaccinated with B.C.G.	393	1
Number re-vaccinated with B.C.G.	4	-
CONTACT SCHEME (excluding work carried out by Chest Physicians)		
Number skin tested	26	-
Number found +ve	-	-
Number found -ve	26	-
Number vaccinated	46 *	-

* includes 20 babies under 3 months

TABLE J

Year	% positive
1954	40.00
1955	32.05
1956	26.9
1957	29.7
1958	21.1
1959	19.1
1960	19.7
1961	16.4
1962	11.36
1963	7.4
1964	5.94
1965	8.18
1966	7.17
1967	9.7
1968	4.1
1969	6.4

Deaths from Tuberculosis

			<u>Pulmonary</u>	<u>Non-pulmonary</u>	<u>Total</u>
0	-	1 year		-	-
1	-	5 years		-	-
5	-	15 "		-	-
15	-	45 "		-	-
46	-	65 "		-	-
66	and over		1	1	2

Cervical Cytology

The following are the figures for the years work. I would draw your attention to the fact that two positive smears were discovered and treatment arranged through the patients own general practitioner.

No. of Clinics	28
No. of patients th	258
Total attendances	258
No. with some abnormality	9
No. of positive smears	2

TABLE K

Attendance by Social Class

Social Class	Number attending	Percentage of total	No. Positive
I	3	1.2	-
II	20	7.7	-
III	151	58.5	1
IV	53	20.5	-
V	6	2.4	1
Others	25	9.7	-

Family Planning

14 cases have been referred to Family Planning Clinics at Ashton and Manchester for advice.

Handicapped Persons

We are finding a continuing demand, for assistance, from handicapped persons, - a result rather of an increasing knowledge of what the Committee can provide than of increase in the number of cases. Alteration to property has continued 20 cases have been assisted in this way, in the main with alteration to baths, provision of rails, seats and staircase handrails. Ramps are often provided to enable wheel chairs to be easily used within and without the house. Small aids are also provided to enable the disabled housewife to more easily cope in the kitchen with simple chores - such as, opening tins, turning gas taps, the cutting of bread. 97 visits have been made to handicapped persons.

The Dukinfield Craft Class continued on Tuesday afternoons and has now extended its programme to alternate Thursday evenings for social activities. The Stalybridge Craft Class on Thursday afternoons and Tuesday evenings continues and attendances have increased so much so that an extra afternoon class had to be arranged on Mondays.

Several special functions have been arranged varying from day trips to the sea-side, film shows, cookery demonstrations, bring & buy sales and an exhibition of handicrafts in conjunction with the Cripples Help Society.

During the year the special vehicle for handicapped persons continued to serve this division as well as Hyde and North East Cheshire.

Convalescent Home Treatment

Arrangements are in operation with five Homes, two at St. Annes-on-Sea, one at Marple, one at Buxton and one for men at Llanfairfechan. 27 patients were admitted during the year.

TABLE L

Number of Handicapped Persons in Division at 31.12.69

	A G E										Total
	Under 16		16- 29		30- 49		50- 64		65 & Over		
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	
Amputation	1	-	2	-	2	1	2	3	4	1	16
Arthritis & Rheumatism	1	1	1	2	3	3	7	24	9	39	90
Congenital malformations and deformities	16	7	7	4	2	3	1	-	1	1	42
Diseases of the digestive and genito-urinary systems; of the heart or circulatory system; of the respiratory system (other than tuberculosis) and of the skin	9	8	6	10	3	2	6	2	34	94	174
Injuries of the head, face, neck, thorax, abdomen, pelvis or trunk. Injuries or diseases (other than tuberculosis) of the upper and lower limbs and of the spine	1	2	2	-	1	-	3	4	4	5	22
Organic nervous diseases - epilepsy, disseminated sclerosis, poliomyelitis, hemiplegia, sciatica etc.	10	5	5	3	3	3	2	1	1	11	44
Neuroses, psychoses and other nervous and mental disorders not included above	1	2	5	3	4	1	4	1	5	4	30
Tuberculosis (respiratory)	1	4	-	-	2	-	1	3	-	-	11
Tuberculosis (non-respiratory)	3	3	-	3	2	1	1	-	-	1	14
Diseases and injuries not specified above	-	2	-	2	-	1	-	1	-	1	7
Partially sighted	3	3	1	-	1	-	-	-	16	36	60
Totals	46	37	29	27	23	15	27	39	74	193	510
No. of persons added to the Register during 1969	-	-	-	1	-	1	1	6	3	5	17

No. of Epileptics 16 years of age and over 10

No. of Spastics 16 years of age and over 4

Chiropody Service

The chiropody service continues to expand. During the year 6,907 treatments were given, many of them domiciliary to 1,327 patients.

Towards the end of 1968 a full time chiropodist was appointed to cover the three divisions at this end of the county. She is able to spend three sessions each week here. At the time of writing she has been replaced by Mr. Egerton who now covers this Division and Hyde - a much more satisfactory arrangement.

Place of treatment **	Over 65				Handicapped			
	No. of patients		No. of treatments		No. of patients		No. of treatments	
	P	C	P	C	P	C	P	C
Chiropodist's Surgery	630	66	3557	191	2	3	12	15
Home of patient	511	-	3032	-	18	-	100	-

** P - Private chiropodist

C - County chiropodist

Number of treatments for which County Council paid full fees	- 6652
Number of treatments for which County Council paid part fees	- 255
Number of cases in which County Council paid full fees	- 1180
Number of cases in which County Council paid part fees	47
Number of schoolchildren receiving treatment for verrucae	- 430
Number of treatments given to schoolchildren for verrucae	- 1077

Nursing Requisites

The following items of nursing equipment have been loaned from the Divisional Health Office, Stalybridge:-

6 Zimmer hoists	2 sets elbow crutches
45 air rings	3 bed cradles
29 urinals	30 back rests
45 bed pans	4 feeding cups
12 bath seats	2 bed tables
22 wheel chairs	16 Zimmer Walking aids
2 toilet aids	14 commodes
2 teapot tippers	12 bath rails
2 trolleys	12 bath mats
16 tripod walking aids	36 rubber sheets
4 beds & mattresses	4 hot water bottles

Incontinence pads continue to be the main demand and prove to be a most useful nursing aid. From time to time special articles are requested by medical practitioners and district nurses, such as protective pants with interliners for ambulance patients and urine drainage bags for patients with in-lying catheters.

District nurses and midwives continue to be supplied with pre-packed sterilised equipment, disposable syringes and needles, dressing packs, catheters, disposable caps etc.

Domestic Help Service

Number of Home Helps employed at end of year:-

Wholetime	-
Part-time	63
Equivalent whole-time ...	34

	No. of cases where help was provided in 1969	Approximate No. of hours help provided
Persons aged 65 years or over on first visit in the year	483	63454
Persons aged under 65 years on first visit in the year:-		
(i) Chronic sick & tuberculous	14	949
(ii) Mentally disordered	1	108
(iii) Maternity	8	229
(iv) Others	10	338
	516	65078

MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

THE REPORT OF THE AREA MENTAL WELFARE OFFICER, MR. G.E. LANCELEY
IN RESPECT OF WORK CARRIED OUT WITHIN THE STALYBRIDGE AND
DUKINFIELD HEALTH DIVISION DURING THE TWELVE MONTHS ENDED
31st DECEMBER, 1969

1. Precis of cases dealt with under the Mental Health Act, 1959	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
 Patients admitted to Hospital informally for Psychiatric treatment under Sec. 5 Mental Health Act, 1959	 39	 63
 Cases dealt with under Sec. 29, Mental Health Act, 1959 i.e. admitted to hospital as a matter of urgency	 5	 7
 Cases dealt with under Sec. 25, Mental Health Act, 1959 i.e. admitted to hospital for a period of 28 days for observation	 24	 39
 Cases dealt with under Sec. 26, Mental Health Act, 1959 i.e. admitted to hospital for extended treatment	 1	 1
 Cases dealt with under Sec. 60 & 64 Mental Health Act, 1959 i.e. admitted from Court	 2	 -

In addition to the above, the following cases were also dealt with by the Mental Welfare Officers following referral to the department.

32 patients were referred to out-patient clinics during the year, thus obviating the necessity for their admission into hospital

In 67 cases information was laid before the Mental Welfare Officer but after investigation of the circumstances, no further action was taken under the Mental Health Act, and they were referred to the appropriate agency whose function it was to deal with such particular problems i.e. Childrens Department, Probation etc.

2. 12 cases were referred to the County Welfare Department for admission to residential accommodation.
3. 12 subnormal patients were admitted into hostels and private establishments for short term care, to relieve the parents or guardians of their responsibility for a short while.

4. After care of patients discharged from hospital within the District has been carried out throughout the year and in this respect 192 new cases were referred from the Psychiatric Unit, Ashton General Hospital.
5. Domicilliary supervision of subnormal and severely subnormal patients has been carried out within the district and half yearly reports submitted to the County Medical Officer.

The Grange Road Youth Club for the Mentally Subnormal has gone from strength to strength throughout the year and activities have included day trips to Chester Zoo, Belle Vue Circus, Manchester Airport and various other places of interest. Other Youth Club activities such as football matches were organised and proved to be a success. Also various fund raising activities such as Bring and Buy Sales, Coffee Evenings etc. were arranged during the year. A new innovation was the setting up of the Greenfield Psychiatric Social Club, held each Tuesday evening at the Clinic Centre, Hyde. This also is flourishing and the Club did receive a donation of £75 from the County Health Committee for the provision of equipment. Here again the full co-operation of the local Psychiatric Unit has been essential to make the Club, the success that it is.

Staff changes - Mr. D.J. Dilworth was successful in the final examination of the C.S.W. Certificate at the Manchester Polytechnic and has once more returned to full duties, having been promoted to Deputy Area Mental Welfare Officer.

We lost the services of Miss P. Carr M.W.O. during the year, who successfully gained a position with Somerset County Council Social Services Department and we hear on the grapevine that since she left us she has got herself engaged to an Officer in the Merchant Navy and is shortly to be married.

Mr. L. Dowson, M.W.O. has been seconded to the Millbank College, Liverpool for two years, in order to obtain professional qualification in social work.

